

# CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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**The Mission of Chapel of the Cross**

*Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran exists to show the love of Jesus to the people of North County and beyond so that all may have a living relationship with Christ.*

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 20 & 21, 2020

## AS WE GATHER

“Sing to the Lord! Give praise to the Lord!” These are the words of Jeremiah, the prophet. Today we praise the Lord for eternally rescuing us from sin, death, and the devil. God’s redemptive truth in Christ Jesus is at odds with the deceptive claims of the world’s religions. We may be subtly and openly persecuted for our faith in Christ. Yet, God’s Word claims, “the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior.” Since the Lord is our strength and our song, we need not live in fear.

## PRELUDE

“Sonata in A Minor”

William Boyce

## WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING HYMN (sung by the soloist)

913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In (vv. 1,3)

1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be  
Truly living,  
To You giving  
Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith,  
From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace  
On us shower;  
By Your power  
Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Loving God, we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.

People: **Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Pastor: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have sinned, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ✠ Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN OF PRAISE (sung by the soloist)

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

1 *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Loving God, since You have called us by the light of Your truth to let that light shine through us to the world, give us the boldness, love, and strength to be Your faithful witnesses, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 20:7–13

*(Jeremiah's complaint)*

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you deceived me, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long. <sup>9</sup> But if I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. <sup>10</sup> I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Report him! Let's report him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

### 727 On Eagle's Wings

- 1        *You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
My rock in whom I trust!"*
- ref      *And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*
- 2        *The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. Refrain*
- 3        *You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. Refrain*
- 4        *For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain*

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*Please stand*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

*(Do not be afraid.)*

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

<sup>21</sup> "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup> All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup> "A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household!

<sup>26</sup> "So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**+ + + Special Intercessions + + +**

**Each concluding:** **Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

*In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

### PEACE OF THE LORD

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **And also with you.**

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Largo and Allegro”

Archangelo Corelli

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## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**People:** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

659 Lord of Our Life

- 1 Lord of our life and God of our salvation,  
Star of our night and hope of ev'ry nation:  
Hear and receive Your Church's supplication,  
Lord God Almighty.
- 2 See round Your ark the hungry billows curling;  
See how Your foes their banners are unfurling  
And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling,  
O Lord, preserve us.
- 3 Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us;  
Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us;  
And in the day when hell itself assails us,  
Grant us Your peace, Lord:
- 4 Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are raging,  
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls assuaging,  
Peace when the world its endless war is waging,  
Peace in your heaven.

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## POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Great Day"

setting by Adolphus Hailstork

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:  
Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Romans 7: 1-13; Matthew 10: 34-42

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## Serving at Chapel

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Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer

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### Worship and Christian Education

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Worship Service broadcast on KFUD 850 AM Sundays at 6:00 p.m.  
Live internet streaming at [www.chapelofthecross.org](http://www.chapelofthecross.org) Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

*Holy Communion is celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 8:30 a.m.,  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m.,  
and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month at 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday school for children, Sunday Bible classes for adults and youth – 9:45 a.m.

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### Missions

Chapel of the Cross supports the ministry of the English District and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as well as the Lutheran High School Association. We also assist the following ministries and organizations:

Day 3 Seeds*	Hope Center for Families*	Apple of His Eye*
Helping Hands Food Pantry	Concordia Seminary	Friend of Moms
Sidewalk Sunday School	Eric & Linda Funke in Tanzania	Lutherans for Life
Chapel Summer Camp	KFUD Radio	

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